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World History (ABZ)

Come to a Fair Like No Other…

***A Renaissance Fair***

Next week we will have a Renaissance Fair where each person will assume the persona of a famous person from this era of creativity, change, and new ideas—from the Renaissance!

Each person will research one of the people from the list below. To prepare for the Fair, everyone will write a **one-typed-page profile** of the historical person he/she has chosen. In this profile, answer the following questions:

* Who was this person? (Basic biographical information)
* What earned him/her fame either during or after his/her lifetime?
* What are some things that make this person interesting?
* Did this person make any lasting contribution to Western Europe or the world? If so, what was it?
* What does this person tell you about the lifestyles, attitudes, society, or culture of the Renaissance?

On the day of the Renaissance Fair you should come to class as your person. This should include **either a prop(s) or some costume**. You will be expected to explain who you are and answer questions from both your classmates and myself without reading from your paper.

Possible choices:

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| **Artists**  Sandro Boticelli – Italian painter  Filippo Brunelleschi—Italian architect  Jan van Eyck –Flemish painter  Albrecht Durer—German painter  El Greco –Spanish painter  Rafael—Italian artist  Donatello—Italian sculptor  Masaccio—Italian painter  Fra Angelico—Italian painter | **Politics**  Lorenzo de’Medici—Florentine statesman  Isabella d’Este—Italian stateswoman  Henry VIII—king of England  Charles V – emperor of Holy Roman Empire, king of Spain  Elizabeth I—queen of England  Mary Tudor—queen of England  Isabella I –queen of Spain  Lucrezia Borgia—Duchess of Ferrara |
| **Religious folks**  John Calvin—church reformer  Martin Luther—church reformer  St. Teresa of Avila—Catholic nun and Church reformer  Ignatius of Loyola—priest and Church reformer  Savonarola—Italian holy man  Pope Leo X – pope during the Protestant Reformation | **Scientists**  Nicolas Copernicus—Polish astronomer  Galileo Galilei—Italian  Tycho Brahe—Danish mathematician & astronomer  Johannes Kepler—German astronomer |
| **Explorers**  Prince Henry the Navigator – Portuguese explorer  Vasco de Gama—Portuguese explorer  Christopher Columbus—Italian/Spanish explorer  Amerigo Vespucci –Spanish explorer  Ferdinand Magellan—Spanish explorer | **Writers, Inventors, and Philosophers**  William Shakespeare—English writer  Thomas More—English writer  Johann Gutenberg—German inventor  Rene Descartes—philosopher & mathematician  Christine de Pizan—Italian writer  Nicolo Machiavelli—Italian diplomat, writer |

**Grading**

This is a project grade, and it is worth 100 points. Here is how the points will break down:

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| Your performance at the Renaissance Fair – **50 points overall**   * The quality of your costume and/or prop: *30 points* * Your ability to articulately, accurately, and convincingly speak as your person: *20 points* |
| The 1-typed-page profile of your person **– 40 points total**   * Accuracy of facts: *10 points* * Thoroughness of your research: *10 points* * The organization of ideas: *5 points* * The grammar, mechanics, and neatness of the profile: *15 points* |
| Research **- 10 points total** |

**Due Dates:**